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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under CFR 1.114.**
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed (via facsimile)
 - i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 w/ Request for One Month Suspension of Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.103 (c)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed for the following:
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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